than's Commissioner has remained vacant since October/November, 1988;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that a part-time Commissioner has been posted to look after the routine work of the Sangathan; and

(c) what are the details thereof and what efforts have been made to get a regular Commissioner and the likely date by which the new incumbent is expected to join?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Pending selection to the post of Commissioner, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, on a regular basis, officiating arrangements have been made. Action is in hand for selection of a regular incumbent. However, it is not possible to indicate the exact time by which the post is likely to be filled up on regular basis as various procedural formalities are required to be completed for the purpose.

Entitlement of senior scales to PGTs of KVS

2798. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of PGTs of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan who are continuing in this grade since 1974 or earlier but have not undergone in-service course during 1981—86 and 1984—89;

(b) if so, whether they are entitled to get senior scales;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, the justification thereof; and

(d) by when the senior scales are likely to be granted to otherwise eligible candidates?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan organises in-service course for Post Graduate Teachers to cover every teacher in a cycle of five years. Some teachers could not attend these courses due to personal reasons. Details of such teachers are not available with Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan Headquarters.

(b) and (c) For grant of senior scale, every teacher is required to participate in an in-service training programme of at least three weeks duration once in every six years. The Kendriya Vidyalaya teachers who could not meet this requirement have been exempted from this by the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan for a period of two years with effect from 15.2.1989.

(d) Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has issued instructions to the Assistant Commissioners of the regions to implement the revised scales of pay including grant of Senior scales.

Indo-French co-operation in the field of Defence

2799. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indo-French co-operation in the field of space, nuclear energy and defence figured in the course of discussions between the Prime Minister and the French President in the second week of July, 1989 at Paris; and

(b) if so, the salient features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the visit of Prime Minister to France, cooperation between the two countries in different fields including space, nuclear energy